

January 27, 1914

REV. C. WERTHENBACH

Rev. C. Werthenbach was born January 10th, 1850 in Lomira, Dodge County, Wisconsin. He was united in marriage with Emelie Wegner on April 2nd, 1872 in Montpelier, Wis. They came to Groton in the spring of 1883. Mr. Werthenbach entered the ministry in 1889 and through the loss of his hearing was compelled to give it up ten years later. Since that time he has lived here, where he died Monday morning at 8:45, January 19th, 1914.

He leaves a wife and one sister and other near relatives. He had been in poor health several years, but was only in bed one day.

Mr. Werthenbach was revered most by those who knew him best. A good citizen in every sense of the word, whose ideals were of the highest. By counsel and conduct, his life was ever an example for clean motives and marked by an intense desire to be of service to his generation. The affliction of lost hearing was borne patiently and with true christian fortitude.

Funeral service was conducted by the Rev. A. Oertli, pastor of the Evangelical Church at the Presbyterian building. He was assisted by his brother, former presiding elder, who spoke in German, and by Presiding Elder Zech, who spoke in English. Rev. C. F. Strutz of Aberdeen, was also present. A large audience assembled for the last rites, and a profusion of flowers testified to the friendship and esteem for the departed.

Those from a distance who came especially for the funeral, were the following: Mrs. Albert Kreiser of Cooperstown, Wis., a sister-in-law of deceased arrived Thursday evening. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Frank Meyer and her little son George of Fond du Lac, Wis. Mrs. F. Werthenbach of Dodge Center, Minn., another sister-in-law and Mrs. J. W. Lenz of Odessa, Minn., a sister of Mrs. C. Werthenbach, arrived Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Werner of Minneapolis and Miss Emilie Wegner of Big Stone City arrived Thursday evening. Miss Hasback came from Chicago.